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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS, THE HAGUE, OSLO, COPENHAGEN, MADRID,
LONDON, AND PARIS - MESSAGE ALSO FOR DAO AND MAAG

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SUBJECT: YF-16 ADVANCED DEPLOYMENT TO EUROPE/PIASS 75

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1. ON 22 APRIL LT GEN LIMBERG, CHIEF OF GERMAN AIR
FORCE, TOOK THE POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE
UNACCEPTABLE TO HAVE THE YF-16 VISIT GERMAN BASES AT
THIS TIME. GEN LIMBERG HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE
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YF-16 DISPLAY/DEMONSTRATION AT RAMSTEIN AB AFTER THE

PARIS AIR SHOW.

2. GEN LIMBERG'S POSITION WAS BASED ON THE RATIONALE THAT IF THE YF-16 WERE OFFICIALLY DISPLAYED ON A GERMAN BASE, THE LOCAL PRESS WOULD WRITE A STORY THAT THE FRG WAS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CONSORTIUM AND FURTHER THAT THE MRCA WAS IN TROUBLE. THIS SCENARIO, ALTHOUGH NOT TRUE, COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND DETRIMENTAL TO ON-GOING US/FRG PROGRAMS. BEHIND THE SCENES, THE FRG HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE US/YF-16 CANDIDATE AND THIS SUPPORT SHOULD CONTINUE.
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